

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE *(vs.1 & 4 only)*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

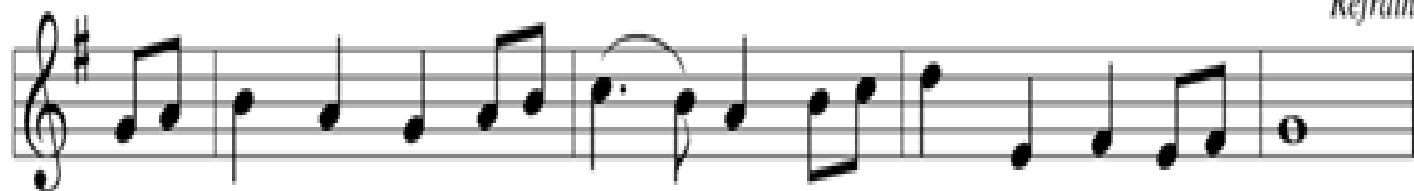


all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

(Refrain: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C ¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore. *(Refrain)*

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C ¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child

of your handmaid. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager

longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:1-12, 34-36

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus, ² and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, ⁴ because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵ Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company,

and she pleased Herod ⁷ so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” ⁹ The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰ he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. ¹² His disciples came and took the body and buried him; then they went and told Jesus. ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word to that whole surrounding region, and people brought all who were sick to him ³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 795 "Oh, Sing to the Lord" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury.
(We pray especially for Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Leroy, Ron Bauer, Scott Buschkoetter, Amy

DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Alice June Harker, Jackson Joseph Hoffman, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Nancy Krodel, Rex Krodel, Wanda Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Barb Mehringer, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Donna Shelton, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *“Temporary Home” Solo by Alli Betz*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Verse 1 only)*



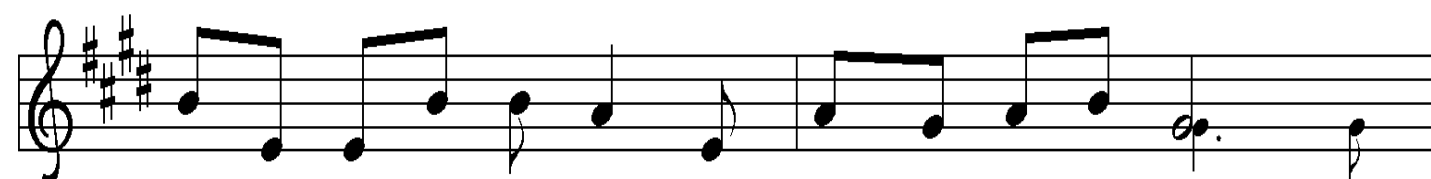
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 746 *"Day by Day"*

LBW 203 *"Now We Join in Celebration"*

WOV 699 *"Blessed Assurance"*

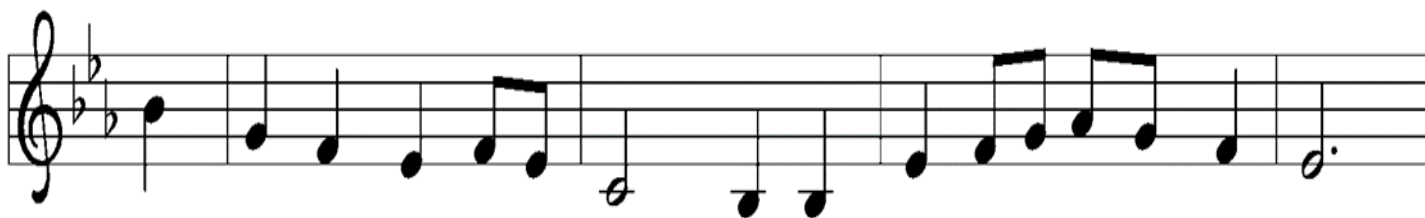
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Verse 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad-ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

WOV 801 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters:	Linda Popp
Comm. Asst:	Tina Terwiske
Video:	Lori Keller
Organist:	Barbara Dell
Lay Reader:	Anna Ruhe
Audio:	Keith Keller
Acolytes:	Kix Smth
Altar Guild:	Sue Striegel, Linda Mason, Marie Neukam

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 137

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 19th – July 26th

Sun. July 19 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
Sun. July 26 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thank you to Alli Betz for providing the offertory music during our service this morning. We really appreciate your willingness to enhance our worship experience!

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser

Redzikowo, Poland

AMC Luke Himsel

Virginia Beach, VA

Joshua Hoffman

San Diego, CA

Cooper Uebelhor

Colorado Springs, CO

It's that time of year again—Strassenfest is just around the corner!

Our fundraising team depends on the support of volunteers like you to make this event a success. We have 2-hour shifts available, and even a small, time commitment can make a significant impact.

We are working to fill our volunteer schedule, and we need your help. *Unfortunately, if we are unable to secure enough volunteers, we may have to withdraw from the event and discontinue our fundraising efforts.* Each year, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we are able to contribute approximately \$10,000 to our church.

Please consider signing up for a shift and helping us continue this important tradition.

A heartfelt thank you to our loyal volunteers who return year after year—we are truly grateful for your commitment and support.

And for those who have never volunteered before, we encourage you to give it a try! It's a great opportunity to meet new people, support a meaningful cause, and be part of a fun and rewarding experience. We work hard, accomplish a lot, and genuinely enjoy doing it together.

Signup sheets will be on the kiosk.

Thank you for your consideration and support. We hope to see you at Strassenfest!

~Erin Kalb

SCHOOL KITS

St. Paul's will begin collecting for school kits, for the Lutheran World Relief, the entire month of August. ***NOTE: We currently have enough pencils from last year and do not need any at this time.*** Look for the display in welcome area. Take advantage of the back-to-school sales and shop now! These supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.

Items to include in each School Kit:



- ×4 Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper**



- ×1 One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**



- ×1 One pencil sharpener**



- ×1 One blunt scissors
(safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**



- ×5 Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band**



- ×1 One box of 16 or 24 crayons**



- ×1 One 2½" eraser**

Guidelines:

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

Haysville Ruritan Club Grand Raffle will be held August 8th @ 11 AM at Haysville Park. This \$20 ticket supports projects like the annual Ruritan Senior scholarship, visit with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, support youth events, display flags and Christmas Decorations throughout Haysville. There are only 500 tickets to be sold so get your ticket before they sell out!

There will be 4 - \$500 winners, 2 - \$250 winners, 10 - \$100 winners, and 10 - \$50 winners.

Contacts for tickets:

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Marty Beckman 812 639 6688

Don Vonderheide 812 631 8672



~Don Vonderheide

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*Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment,
etc. you would like to share with our church family?
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*Call or email Marcie 😊
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